

REMARKS

This Reply and Amendment is intended to be completely responsive to the non-final Office Action dated April 20, 2005, which imposed a second Restriction Requirement. Original Claims 1-81 are pending in this Application and were subject to a first Restriction Requirement under a non-final Office Action dated December 15, 2004. The Applicants responded to the first Restriction Requirement in a Reply and Amendment dated January 14, 2005 in which the claims of Group II (20-31) were elected and new Claims 82-90 were added, directed to the subject matter of Group II. The Applicants requested examination of Claims 82-90 which are believed to be directed to the subject matter of Group II. Original Claims 64-72 were previously cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits, in the Reply and Amendment dated January 14, 2005.

Restriction Requirement - 35 U.S.C. § 121

In this second Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect the claims of Group I (i.e. Claims 20-31) with traverse.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Group II (i.e. Claims 82-90) are directed to subject matter that is not patentably distinct from the subject matter of Claims 20-31 to the extent required for a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 (see M.P.E.P. § 802.01). For example, each of independent Claims 20 and 82 require, in combination with, and among other limitations, a “base member” and a “conductive layer” and a “light guide member”. Further, the Applicants respectfully submit that restriction between Groups I and II is improper because search/examination of the subject matter of Groups I and II is not a “serious burden on the examiner” as required (see M.P.E.P. § 803). Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the second Restriction Requirement and examination of Claims 20-31 and 82-90.

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The Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of Claims 20-31 and 82-90.

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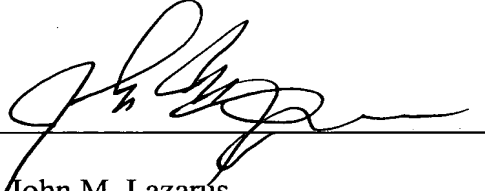
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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